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## Office Action Summary

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10/702,559

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CHEN, JASON

**Examiner**

Robert J. Sandy

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

In claim 1, line 11, the term “o”, in the phrase “a curved top portion o the outer cover”, should be changed to - - of - - in order for the phrase to correctly read as *a curved top portion of the outer cover* which is consistent with the description of page 4, line 21 of the written specification.

In claim 5, line 2, the term “o”, in the phrase “a bottom plate o the rear clip”, should be changed to - - of - - in order for the phrase to correctly read as *a bottom plate of the rear clip*, which is consistent with the description of page 5, line 7 of the written specification.

In claim 9, line 2, the phrase “the on a rear face” should be changed to - - on na inner face - - in order consistent with the description of page 4, bridging lines 4 and 5 of the written specification.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 1-13 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a multi-function clamp having the structural combination of a base plate having two pins oppositely formed on the base plate and two L-shaped supports extending out from the base plate; a connecting seat having two bases corresponding to and received in the two L-shaped supports and an opening defined in the connecting seat; a pressing seat integrally formed with the connecting seat and having a dome formed to be received in a through hole defined in the connecting seat and a blocking plate extending upright relative to the pressing seat; and an outer cover having two pin holes defined to correspond to the two pins to allow the two pins to extend into the two pin holes to be pivotable relative to the base plate and an insertion formed on a curved top portion o the outer cover to correspond to the opening of the

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connecting plate such that after the insertion is inserted into the opening, the outer cover is connected to the connecting plate when the outer cover is pivoted toward the base plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

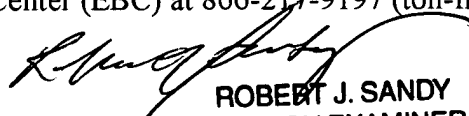
### *Conclusion*

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Clamp structure is generally represented by the devices of Ainley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,728,995), Kushner (U. S. Patent No. 6,564,432), Buettell (U. S. Publication No. 2004/0045133 A1), Coyne (U. S. Patent No. 6,691,374), and Lee (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0010983).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Sandy whose telephone number is 703-305-7413. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J.J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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